



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS**
ACADEMY

A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

Eid Mubarak to all of our families who are celebrating this special time this week. We hope your homes are filled with joy, reflection, and togetherness as you mark this important occasion.

As we move into brighter days, it has been wonderful to see the sunshine making a welcome return. Spending time outdoors has so many benefits for both children and adults. Fresh air, natural light, and physical activity all contribute to improved mood, better sleep, and overall wellbeing.

We encourage all families to take advantage of the warmer weather by getting outside together. Whether it's a walk in the park, playing games in the garden or going for a bike ride, these shared experiences are invaluable. They help strengthen family bonds, support children's physical development, and create lasting memories.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish you a joyful Eid and healthy week ahead.

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Preparing our students

through development of skills

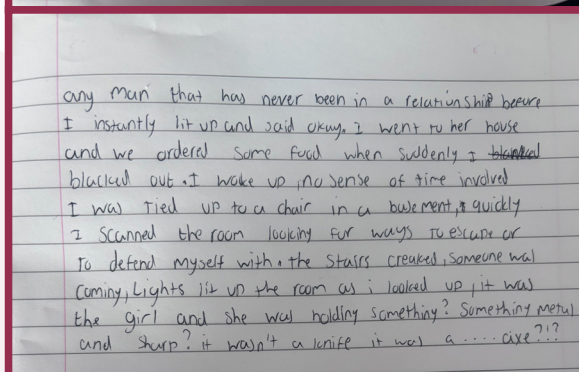
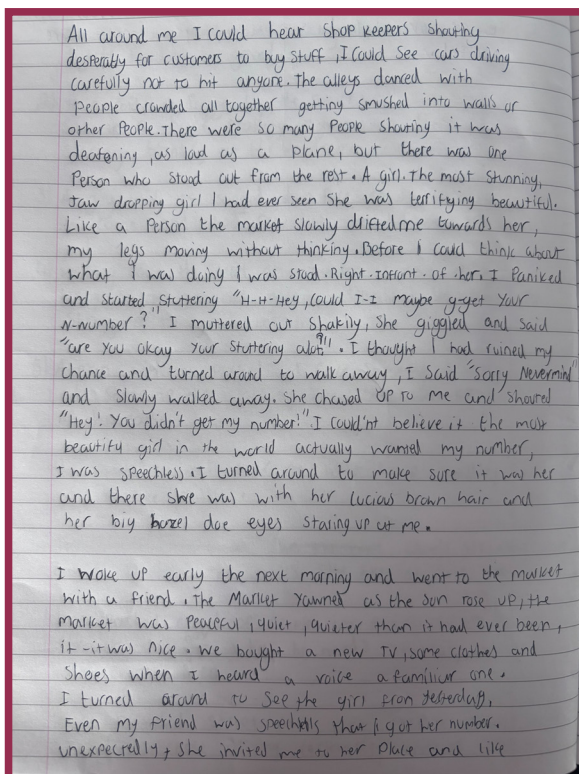
Year 9 creative writing: celebrating powerful progress

Our Year 9 creative writing students have made exceptional strides this term, particularly in their ability to show, not tell, and in their use of ambitious, precise vocabulary.

Across the year group, pupils have been experimenting with sensory detail, figurative language, and carefully chosen verbs to bring their writing to life. Instead of simply telling the reader a character is scared, for example, students are now crafting vivid images, describing trembling hands, quickened breaths, and shadows that seem to stretch across the room.

This focus on descriptive technique has led to some truly impressive pieces of work. Pupils have shown growing confidence in selecting vocabulary that creates atmosphere and mood, using language deliberately to shape the reader's experience.

Their commitment to improving their craft has been clear in every drafting stage, and their final pieces demonstrate both creativity and maturity. We are incredibly proud of the progress Year 9 have made and look forward to seeing how their writing continues to flourish as the year goes on.



Parent Forum round-up

Thank you to the families who joined us for our third Parent Forum event on Monday 16 March. We appreciate the dedication and commitment to improving our school that families are showing! The Parent Forum is a positive space for families and the school to work constructively together on issues and ideas, for the benefit of the young people we serve.

This week our discussion was based around Year 9 options, revision links on the school website, clarifying the corrections procedure, and much more. Other important issues discussed recently are communication and school uniform.

The Parent Forum will have a stall at the upcoming Year 10 Parents Evening, and we welcome all families to future meetings. The next meeting date will be announced soon!

Celebrating our students

Through their mastery of the arts

Easter concert

We are delighted to invite you to our free Easter Concert, a wonderful evening filled with music, performance and creativity from across our school community.

This year, we are excited to welcome three fantastic primary schools joining us on stage: Sandilands Primary School, Baguley Hall Primary School & Button Lane Primary School!

There will be piano, violin, dancing, singing, and so much more. Please ask your child to speak to Mrs Moreton or pop in to reception to collect tickets. Please note there are limited places so collect your tickets early!



Celebrating our students

Through their focus

Red Nose Day events

The buzz around the school for the Red Nose Day events this week has been exciting. A special thanks to Phoebe B, Poppy C, Robin L, and Halle D for supporting Mr Hughes with getting the baked goodies to students so swiftly!



The round up of how much we have raised and more photos will be shared soon!



English subject stars

Students that have demonstrated incredible effort in their English lessons this week who have been nominated by class teachers.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sienna O• Logan C• Dragos K• Varsin F	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maci W• Teo A• Eliza M• Sofina A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kezia P• Imogen A• Mia N• Oliver P	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brooke S• Daisy SB• Alfie T• Isaiah J• Maria C• Shane Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sophie M• Mason R• Susie E• Grace W• Savannah R• Ali M

English independent thinkers

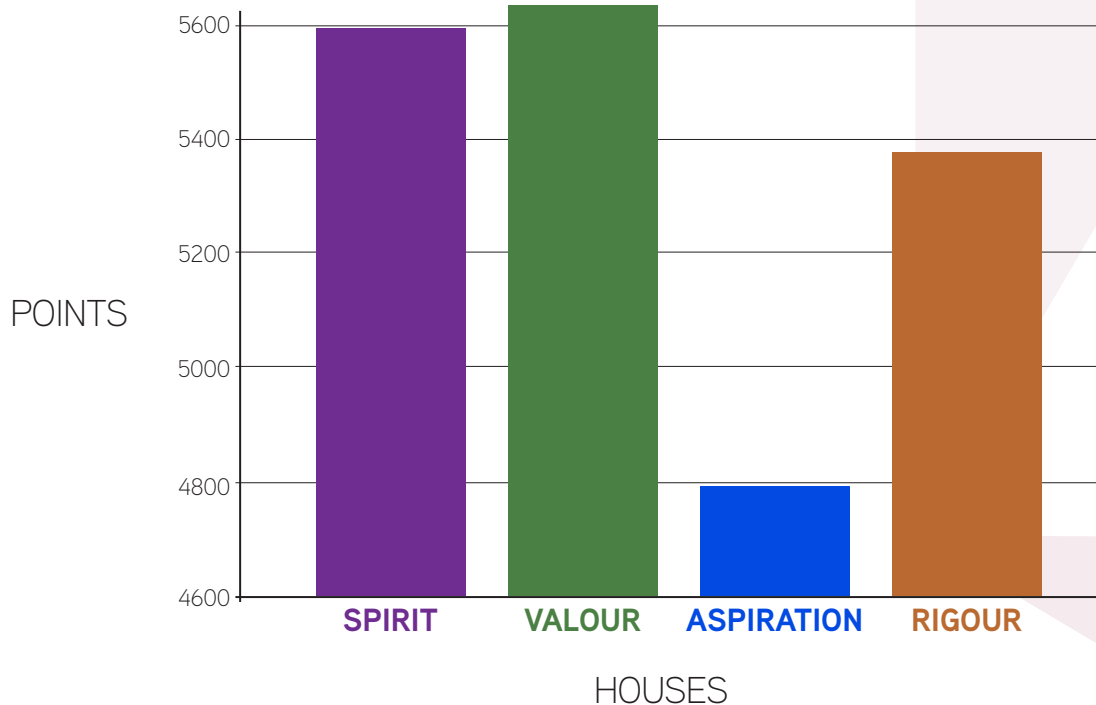
Students that have shown excellence in independent work or thinking throughout their English lessons this week.

KS3	KS4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Madison B• Noah B• Lucy G• Fatima A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hayden W• Caesar K• Louie M• Matthew F



House points

Spirit have ever so slightly narrowed the gap to Valour this week, while Aspiration and Rigour remain roughly the same distance apart. All houses have been involved in organising events for Red Nose Day this week - more on that soon!



Vacancies: Join our school community

We're looking for friendly, reliable people from our community to join our school cleaning team. This is a great opportunity to work locally and be part of a supportive school environment.

- 15 hours per week
- Monday–Friday, 3.30 – 6.30pm
- £12.88 per hour
- 31 days holiday plus health & employee benefits
- Closing date: Monday 23 March

If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact our school office for a chat. Feel free to share this with friends and family in our community.

You can view our vacancies at: <https://www.joindixonsat.com>

**Be part of our
cleaning team!**

Call your school office to find out more!



Extra-curricular activities

to enrich our students' experiences

We are excited to share with you our updated extra-curricular activities timetable. At Dixons Brooklands Academy, we believe that learning goes far beyond the classroom, and we are proud to offer a wide range of clubs and activities designed to enrich our students' school experience.

	Lunch	After school
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Basketball Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve club (T9) Football (Girls) Basketball BTEC Music (week A) Science Club (S15)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Basketball Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) Steel Pans (T8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball Badminton GCSE Art Club (S8/P16/S13) Sustainability club (P12) Poetry revision (P3) Homework club (P13/P19) Science intervention (S15) BTEC Music (week B) Musical Theatre (assembly hall)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Basketball Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) KS3 Spanish film club (T4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football (Boys) Sparx homework support (P22) Creative writing (P1)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Basketball Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) KS3 GCSE Spanish exams skills Rainbow Club (Hub) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTEC Sport Keyboard club (T8)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Basketball Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) Cooking (week B, T7) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate science (week B) Singing club (T8)

There is also a free breakfast club every morning before school from 7.30am, this is open to all students.

Next week

Menu week commencing 23/3/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Sausage, chips and gravy	Vegetable spring rolls with noodles and sweet chilli sauce
Tuesday	Beef steak slice with chips and garden peas	Cheese and tomato turnovers with side salad
Wednesday	Chicken tikka drumstick with spicy noodles	Vegetable giant samosa with noodles
Thursday	Doner meat on rustic flatbread with spicy noodles	Cheese and onion slice with side salad
Friday	Southern fried chicken burger, chips and spicy mayo	Vegetarian bean burger with chips and a selection of sauces

Each day there is also a panini selection with fillings of cheese, ham, pepperoni, and cheese & beans. Alongside this are a variety of sandwiches and baguettes, a salad bar and a choice of dessert.

We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment where some of our ingredients or products from suppliers may have been produced in an environment with other allergens. Please double-check with a member of staff if you have any questions.

Dates for your diary

	Year group	Description
Thursday 26 Mar	Year 10	Parents' Evening; 4-6.30pm
Wednesday 1 Apr	All	Vaccinations (for students previously absent)
Wednesday 1 Apr	n/a	Easter concert
Thursday 2 April	All	Final day of term 4
Friday 3 April	All	Holidays begin, students return Monday 20 April

Brain teaser

It's sudoku but with letters! Can you solve the 'wordoku' below?

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O				S			U
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			S		U		
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Year 10 Parents' Evening

at Dixons Brooklands Academy
Thursday 26 March, 4–6.30pm

As part of the evening we will be providing information about careers, work experience opportunities and local post-16 providers